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TAKODANA

MAZ KANATA'S CASTLE CELLAR

NOT A PADAWAN...NOT A PIRATE...

NO BLASTERS...NO LIGHTSABER...

ABOUT THAT...

HUH!?

YOU!

NOW, WAIT! LET ME--

NO WAITING!

SNORF SNORF PAH PAH PAH

HUH?

TANTEEK!! WAI--

SLORP PAH SLORP PAH PAH

SLORP SHLLLRRRPPP

TANTEEK! SAMPAK TAROO! YA.

BORF

WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER?!

HORRKK HAK HAK

HORRRKKK

BLORF

YOU DIDN'T!!

TNKSPLISH

YOU DID!!

YOU GOOD GIRL YOU! AND YOU -- HOW?!

HEH. ALL THOSE YEARS OF CHASING PIRATES DID TEACH ME A THING OR TWO ABOUT SMUGGLING...

PAH PAH PAH PAH

SNORF GORF ORF SNORF

...INCLUDING THAT PEOPLE GENERALLY STOP LOOKING ONCE THEY THINK THEY FOUND WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR.

YOU LET YOURSELF BE CAPTURED AND GAVE THEM HALF MY LIGHTSABER SO YOU COULD HIDE THE OTHER HALF FOR LITTLE OLD ME?! RAF!

ALMOST! I OFFERED MYSELF UP AS A SOLDIER FOR ARKIK, PRETENDING I'D BE AN INSIDE LINE FOR HIM ON THE PIRATE HUNTERS.

DOING THINGS THE *SAV WAY*, I GUESS.

DIDN'T WORK OUT SO WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE.

YEAH, WELL -- TURNS OUT THAT'S DOING THINGS THE SAV WAY TOO. BUT WHY'D YOU DO IT?

I KNEW YOU'D DO SOMETHING RECKLESS LIKE TRY TO SNEAK INTO THE CASTLE AND SAVE MAZ ON YOUR OWN, SO--

I MEANT WHY WOULD YOU HELP ME?

NO ONE'S EVER TREATED ME WI--

WAIT. TELL ME WHILE WE ESCAPE.

EEESH! SORRY, MAZ! IT WAS SUCH A NICE DOOR.

EVER SINCE THE NIGHT IN THE FOREST WHEN YOU SAVED ME, I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW I'D THREATENED YOU AND DEX RIGHT AFTERWARDS.

VZZZHHHHH

THAT WAS PRETTY RUDE, YEAH.

THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE ALL OUR GEAR IS.

AND EVEN AFTER THAT, YOU STILL ENTRUSTED ME WITH YOUR LIGHTSABER ON JEDHA!

I JUST NEEDED YOU TO NOT BLOW MY COVER, REALLY. DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE.

YOU COULD'VE KILLED ME. IT DIDN'T EVEN OCCUR TO YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE TRUE HEART OF A JEDI. ANYONE CAN SEE THAT FROM A KILOMETER AWAY.

A WHA--!?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THAT. OR THE FACT THAT IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD INSIDE. FEEL SEEN.

COME ON -- GET YOUR HEAD BACK IN THE GAME, SAV.

INSTEAD YOU SHOWED ME A RESPECT I DIDN'T DESERVE.

HEY, SCRAP HEAP!

VZZZHH

EH? INTRUDAIIIIIIIII!!

AND THEN QUIET SHAN SAVED MY LIFE!

WHOA! THAT'S LIKE -- THE OPPOSITE OF HER USUAL M.O. FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

VZZRRKK

AHBLRBBB...

EXACTLY! SO I VOWED ON MY LIFE THAT I WOULD EARN THE TRUST I WAS GIVEN, AND BE WORTHY OF ALAK'S LOVE!

SO YOU DECIDED TO...

...LEAVE MY TERRIBLE JOB FOREVER...

FAM.

...AND RUN OFF TO BECOME A PIRATE.

WHOA!?

IT'S THE ONLY HONORABLE THING TO DO, REALLY.

OH, I UNDERSTAND -- BELIEVE ME!

TAKE THESE.

AND THIS COMLINK. GO FIND ALAK AND THE OTHERS. TELL THEM TO DO WHATEVER THEY CAN TO DRAW THE ENFORCER DROIDS AWAY FROM THE CASTLE.

GOT IT.

WAIT -- WON'T YOU NEED ONE TOO SO YOU'LL KNOW WHEN THE PLAN'S IN EFFECT?

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT...

THOOM

"...I'LL KNOW."

WHAT IN THE *VOID*?!

GET OUT THERE AND FIND OUT WHAT THOSE REBEL PIRATE SCRAGS ARE UP TO! NOW! SEND ALL UNITS! DESTROY THEM!

YES, MASTER ARKIK.

AND WHERE IN THE BLOODSTAINED BATHTUB OF BOSOVIR ARE LAVALOX AND DRRN!?!

WHAT HAS BECOME OF MY GRAKS!?

DRRN SAID HE HAD TO GO LOOK FOR SAYA, MASTER. HE LEFT THIS MORNING.

WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE AND NOT OUT THERE BUTCHERING PIRATES?!

AH MY GRAKS...MY GRAKS... ALL DISPERSED IN THE WIND...IN MY *HOUR OF TRIUMPH...*

YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK YOUR TIMEPIECE, ARKIK.

VZZZHHH

IMPOSSIBLE!!

VZZZHHH

I'M SAV MALAGÁN, FOOL. I EAT THE IMPOSSIBLE FOR BREAKFAST.

KKZZSHHH

OVER THAT WAY! LEAD THEM AWAY FROM THE CASTLE!

AH -- ALAK? YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT WHAT'S COMING ACROSS LAKE NYMEVE RIGHT NOW.

ZNGG ZNGG

ZAGONG

BADA BADA BADA

WELL, BLESS ME BACKWARDS. NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE THE DAY.

WHAT IS IT? LET ME SEE!

CHANGE OF PLANS EVERYONE! ALL FORCES HEAD *STRAIGHT FOR THE CASTLE!*

CHAAAAAARGE!!!

FOR TAKODANAAA!!

AND FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBHEADING 73-8B PARAGRAPH IV!

THERM THERM THERM THERM

FOR MAZ AND SAV!!

ABADOOOOO!!

LIGHTSABER TRAINING WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE CLASS BUT...

...I NEVER PREAMED I'D BE UP AGAINST ANOTHER SABER IN ACTUAL COMBAT!

ESPECIALLY NOT MY *OWN* SABER!

AND NONE OF MY SPARRING PARTNERS COULD FLY!

NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN KEEP THIS UP!

HE HASN'T TRAINED, BUT HIS RAGE AND CHAOS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW WHERE HE'LL STRIKE NEXT!

HE'S PURE FIRE.

AND IF HE'S FIRE, TO DEFEAT I MUST BE...

...WATER.

ONCE THAT'S CLEAR, EVERYTHING BECOMES SIMPLER.

MAYBE THERE *IS* SOMETHING TO BE SAID FOR ALL THAT JEDI TRAINING I DID.

ARKIK'S RAGE KEEPS HIM OFF BALANCE.

SO I'LL BE TAKING...

...THIS...

FWOOSH

...AND GOODBYE!

HRAAA!!

SWEET STARS ABOVE!

JEDI!?!

YEAAAHH!!

YOU CAME TO MY RESCUE? BUT I THOUGHT MASTER KAKTORF SAID WE COULDN'T GET INVOLVED IN PIRATE SQUABBLES?

I DID. BUT I WAS OVERRULED BY A MORE SENIOR JEDI.

WHAT?! YOU'RE LIKE A THOUSAND YEARS OLD. WHO??

ME!!

I'M FORTY-SIX.

LAVALOX!?!!

AH, DEAR LAVALOX IS STILL CONVALESCING AT THE *GRAVA ASYLUM* WHERE I ADMITTED HER, ALAS.

I FIGURED I'D STAND IN FOR HER IN THE MEANTIME, AND GATHER SOME INTEL ON THE NOTORIOUS DANK GRAKS WHILE I'M AT IT, HEHEHE!

TERA SINUBE?!?!

MASTER SINUBE?!?!?!

INCREDIBLE.

SWEET STARS OF KARK!! I TOLD YOU TO YOUR FACE THAT YOU TASTED BLAND!!

AHAHAHA! QUITE ALRIGHT, MY DEAR! YOU KEPT UP THE RUSE ADMIRABLY!

I...I DID?

I STILL HAVE A FEW POINTERS, MIND YOU, BUT ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY CHILD. ALL IN GOOD TIME.

WAIT... DOES THAT MEAN--

MASTER KAKTORF HAS REQUESTED A TEMPORARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM HIS ROLE AS HEAD OF THE TAKODANA TEMPLE.

I FEAR I HAVE LOST MY WAY A BIT.

I WISH YOU THE BEST, YOUNG SAV. MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

I... THANK YOU, MASTER. AND SAME!

SO WAIT WAIT... DOES *THAT* MEAN--

MASTER KAKTORF FEELS IT'S BEST NOT TO GUIDE ANY PADAWANS DURING HIS TIME OF REFLECTION...

WHICH DOES MEAN THAT YOU'LL NEED A NEW MASTER -- A ROLE I WOULD BE HONORED TO FILL IF THAT WOULD BE ALRIGHT WITH YOU?

YEEEEE!!

HEY, KIDDO!

MAZ!!

YOU'RE OKAY!

THANKS TO YOU, SAV!

I DID MY BEST! AND I HAD A LOT OF HELP...

YOU DID AMAZING, KID. AND I SEE YOU FOUND A NEW MASTER. THAT'S A RELIEF!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO DO A COUPLE MORE RUNS TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS BACK IN ORDER AND WE COULD SURE USE A COUPLE OF--

WE'RE IN!

ALL THIS TIME, I WAS ASKING THE WRONG QUESTION.
PLAYING BY OTHER PEOPLE'S RULES...
...LETTING THEIR SIMPLE NOTIONS OF THE GALAXY BECOME MY TRUTHS.
NEVER AGAIN.
BECAUSE THE GALAXY IS NOT SIMPLE. IT'S NOT BLACK AND WHITE. IT'S NOT THIS OR THAT.
IT'S SO MUCH BETTER...
UH...HEY, HI EVERYONE!
I'M SAV MALAGÁN...

...AND SO AM I.

...A PADAWAN *AND* A PIRATE!

NOW *THAT'S* THE STUFF OF *LEGENDS!*

JUST THE BEGINNING!